



**State Senator  
Audrey  
Gibson  
District 6**



**Session in  
Review  
Week 2  
March 13 - 17,  
2017**

**Dear Constituent and Friend,**

As we wrapped up week 2, it was a busy one indeed with committee meetings and Session sittings.

**SB 78: Public School Recess** is a great opportunity for students to be active and have peer-to-peer time during the school day. The bill requires each district school board to provide at least 100 minutes of supervised, safe, and unstructured free-play recess each week for students at the K-5 level. Such recess must involve at least 20 consecutive minutes of free-play per day.

I supported this bill in my Appropriations committee and look forward to supporting again once it reaches the Senate floor.

**SB 152: Small Business Financial Assistance** program, would allow any small business that hires a veteran at 90% of the state average salary earned by veterans, would receive a one-time grant of \$1,500 for every veteran or \$3,000 for every disabled veteran hired. The bill applies to small businesses that are independently owned, employ 50 people or less, generates no more than \$1 million in revenue and have been in the state for at least 4 years. The grants are capped at \$10,500 per fiscal year.

This is a great initiative for small businesses and our veterans!

**SB 312: Eyewitness Identification** sets forth procedures that state, county, municipal, or other law enforcement agencies must implement when conducting eyewitness lineups in Florida. Prior to lineup, officers are required to give the eyewitness five instructions:

1. The perpetrator might or might not be in the lineup
2. The lineup administrator does not know the suspect's identity
3. The eyewitness should not feel compelled to make an identification
4. It is as important to exclude innocent persons as it is to identify the perpetrator
5. The investigation will continue with or without an identification.

The eyewitness must be given a copy of these instructions and if he or she refuses to sign a document acknowledging receipt of the instructions, the lineup administrator must sign it and make notation of the eyewitness refusal.

I was happy to support this bill in committee.

As we continue through Session, I will keep you informed on various issues of impact. If you have questions or comments please do not hesitate to contact my office.

**As always, it is an Honor and a Pleasure to serve you in the Florida Senate!**

Sincerely,

Audrey Gibson  
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District 6

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**Session Snapshots**



**Dr. Ava Phoenix accepted my invitation to be Doctor of the Day in the Florida Senate**



**Director of Infrastructure and Governance Policy, Christopher S. Emmanuel presenting their Florida Chamber of Commerce 2016 Honor Roll Award**



**Equal Pay for Women for Equal Work rally and press conference**



**Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University and University of Florida Pharmacy Association students**



**Jackson Transportation Advisory Council members supporting Transportation Disadvantaged day at the Capitol**



**"Osprey swoop" with University of North Florida Student Government Association**

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